

Pending:

Clinton Amendment No. 2906, to establish a residual ballot performance benchmark.

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Dodd (for Schumer) Modified Amendment No. 2914, to permit the use of a signature or personal mark for the purpose of verifying the identity of voters who register by mail.

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Dodd (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2916, to clarify the application of the safe harbor provisions.

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Hatch Amendment No. 2935, to establish the Advisory Committee on Electronic Voting and the Electoral Process, and to instruct the Attorney General to study the adequacy of existing electoral fraud statutes and penalties.

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Hatch Amendment No. 2936, to make the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 permanent.

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Schumer/Wyden Amendment No. 2937, to permit the use of a signature or personal mark for the purpose of verifying the identity of voters who register by mail.

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Smith (NH) Amendment No. 2933, to prohibit the broadcast of certain false and untimely information on Federal elections.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Schumer/Wyden Amendment No. 2937 (listed above), on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, with a vote on or in relation to the amendment to occur at 10 a.m.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 27, 2002.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 35), Robert E. Blackburn, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

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By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 37), Cindy K. Jorgenson, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert Watson Cobb, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr., United States Marine Corps, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Otto J. Reich, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

Michael Alan Guhin, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, for the rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as U.S. Fissile Material Negotiator.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

24 Army nominations in the rank of general.

23 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—37)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 8:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 27, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1222).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from John Ashcroft, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS—AID

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the United States Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

ACCOUNTING AND INVESTOR PROTECTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee resumed oversight hearings to examine accounting and investor protection issues, focusing on proposals to reform financial reporting by public companies, accounting standards, and oversight of

the accounting profession, receiving testimony from Walter P. Schuetze, Michael H. Sutton, Lynn E. Turner, all Chief Accountants, Securities and Exchange Commission; and Dennis R. Beresford, former Chairman, Financial Accounting Standards Board.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 5.

2003 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003 for the Federal Highway Administration, Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Mary E. Peters, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, and Donna McLean, Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs/Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Transportation; Michael Parker, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, Chief of Engineers, United States Corps of Engineers; Thomas A. Till, Executive Director, Amtrak Reform Council; Bob Chase, National Education Association, and Larry M. King, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Harrisburg, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee met and approved the issuance of a subpoena to Sherron Watkins, Enron Corporation, Houston, Texas.

ENRON CORPORATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine certain issues contributing to the collapse of Enron Corporation, receiving testimony from Sherron Watkins, Houston, Texas, and Jeffrey McMahon, Washington, D.C., both of Enron Corporation; and Jeffrey Skilling, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Raymond L. Orbach, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

WATER INVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine S. 1961, to improve financial and environmental sustainability of the water programs of the United States, and other

related measures including S. 252, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds; S. 285, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the use of State revolving loan funds for construction of water conservation and quality improvements; S. 503, to amend the Safe Water Act to provide grants to small public drinking water system; and S. 1044, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for nutrient removal technologies to States in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; after receiving testimony from Senator Kyl; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, Trenton, New Jersey, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; Joseph A. Moore, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Nancy Stoner, Natural Resources Defense Council, on behalf of the Clean Water Network, Paul D. Schwartz, Clean Water Action, and Terry R. Yellig, Sherman, Dunn, Cohen, Leifer, and Yellig, on behalf of the Building and Construction Trades Department (AFL-CIO), all of Washington, D.C.; William Kukurin, Kukurin Contracting, Inc., Export, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Associated Builders and Contractors; and Jim Barron, Ronkin Construction, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the National Utility Contractors Association.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Gerald Reynolds, of Missouri, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INDIAN TRIBAL TRUST FUNDS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine rulings of the United States Supreme Court affecting tribal government powers and authorities, focusing on trust reform and trust asset management, after receiving testimony from Neal A. McCaleb, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Thomas N. Slonaker, Special Trustee for American Indian Trust Funds, Office of the Special Trustee, all of the Department of the Interior; Reid Chambers and Douglas Endreson, both of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, and Endreson, Washington, D.C.; Donald T. Gray, Nixon, Peabody, LLP, San Francisco, California; Tex G. Hall, Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, New Town, North Dakota, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; Clifford Lyle Marshall, Hoopa Valley Tribal Council, Hoopa, California; Gary S.

Morishima, Intertribal Timber Council, Portland, Oregon; James T. Martin, United South and Eastern Tribes, Nashville, Tennessee; Edward K. Thomas, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Juneau; and Charles O. Tillman, Jr., Osage Nation, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and Bill Martin, Juneau, Alaska, both on behalf of the Intertribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ralph R. Beistline, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, D. Brooks Smith, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Randy Crane, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and David C. Bury, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Beistline was introduced by Senators Stevens and Murkowski, Mr. Smith was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, Mr. Crane was introduced by Senator Gramm and Representative Hinojosa, and Mr. Bury was introduced by Senator Kyl.

U.S. PORT SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings to examine the security of U.S. ports against terror, focusing on technology, resources, and homeland defense, after receiving testimony from Capt. William G. Schubert, Maritime Administrator, and Rear Adm. Kenneth T. Venuto, Director of Operations Policy, United States Coast Guard, both of the Department of Transportation; Bonni G. Tischler, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U. S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Richard D. Steinke, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach, California, on behalf of the American Association of Port Authorities; F. Amanda DeBusk, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, and former Commissioner, Interagency Commission on Crime and Security in U.S. Seaports, Washington, D.C.; Kim E. Peterson, Maritime Security Council, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Rob Quartel, Freightdesk Technologies, Inc., McLean, Virginia; and Charles W. Upchurch, SGS Global Trade Solutions, Inc., New York, New York, on behalf of the Global Alliance for Trade Efficiency.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3784–3798; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 83; H. Con. Res. 333–334, and H. Res. 349 and 351 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 350, providing for consideration of H.R. 1542, to deregulate the Internet and high speed data services (H. Rept. 107–361).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Biggert to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Wreath Laying Ceremonies at the Washington Monument Observance of George Washington's Birthday: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Bartlett of Maryland to represent the House at wreath-laying ceremonies at the Washington Monument for the observance of George Washington's birthday held on Friday, February 22, 2002. Subsequently, agreed that the pro-

gram and the remarks made by Representative Bartlett be inserted in today's Congressional Record.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Family Sponsor Immigration: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1892, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the acceptance of an affidavit of support from another eligible sponsor if the original sponsor has died and the Attorney General has determined for humanitarian reasons that the original sponsor's classification petition should not be revoked (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 404 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 39) clearing the measure for the President;

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Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments: S. 1206, to reauthorize the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965—clearing the measure for the President; and

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